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**30 Years of Wonder, Science Literacy and Community Outreach: Science World Celebrates 30th Anniversary on May 6**

*Bringing STEAM Learning Opportunities to the People of British Columbia for Three Decades, Science World Celebrates 30 Years Under the Dome and Across the Province*

*Historical images are available [here](#) and a fact sheet is available [here](#).*

(Vancouver, BC)—On May 6, Science World celebrates 30 years of wonder at TELUS World of Science, having served over 18 million people over the past three decades. Vancouver’s iconic geodesic dome opened its doors in 1989, featuring a fully refurbished 10,200 square-meter science centre with dozens of hands-on exhibits and the largest OMNIMAX® dome screen in the world.

Science World has hosted many notable exhibitions at TELUS World of Science over the years including; *Grossology: The (Impolite) Science of the Human Body, Muppets, Monsters and Magic, The Science Behind Pixar* and *BODY WORLDS 3: The Anatomical Exhibition of Real Human Bodies*. The not-for-profit has delivered impactful science programming to people all over the province through *Scientists and Innovators in the Schools, Community Science Celebrations, On The Road, Future Science Leaders, BC Green Games* and more.

The organization recently embraced a bold new Thriving Futures strategy to reach its vision that within a generation, Canada will be a country of thriving, sustainable communities rooted in science, innovation and a deep connection to nature. To accomplish this, they set out to scale education in STEAM—Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Design, and Math, that is built on three strategic pillars: creating a community hub for idea incubation and sharing, drastically scaling STEAM learning through a recently launched program called Symbiosis and continuing to deliver high-quality experiential learning.

“At Science World, we are extremely proud of the impact we’ve had on our community through exhibits and province-wide programs over the past 30 years. We are so grateful for our talented team, generous donors, and supportive community for helping Science World become such a flourishing centre of experiential learning,” said Dr. Scott Sampson, President and CEO of Science World. “Looking to the future, we plan to make high-quality learning opportunities accessible to children and youth throughout British Columbia, while also engaging youth and adults in crowdsourcing a thriving future.”

The public is invited to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the following events:

- **30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Kick Off** - On Monday, May 6 at 2:20 pm, Science World staff will attempt to pull off **30 science experiments in 5 minutes** at the Peter Brown Centre Stage at TELUS World of Science. This will be opened by a cake-cutting ceremony and a welcome message from President & CEO, Dr. Scott Sampson.

- **80s Themed Science World After Dark (SWAD)** - Taking place on May 16, this After Dark event will be 80s themed to celebrate the decade that launched Science World at TELUS World of Science <https://www.scienceworld.ca/after-dark>
- **Starting on May 4th**, TELUS World of Science will feature **Limitless**, a large participatory installation by Tangible Interaction that grows in size as more people contribute to it. Visitors will write down ideas from their imagination onto paper and see them fly up more than 40 feet into a net above the Peter Brown Centre Stage at TELUS World of Science.

**Interviews are available with Dr. Scott Sampson, President & CEO of Science World.**

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### **About Science World**

Science World is a BC-based charitable organization that engages the people of British Columbia in STEAM literacy. Their mission is to ignite wonder and empower dreams through science and nature. Their vision is that within a generation, Canada will be a country of thriving, sustainable communities rooted in science, innovation and a deep connection to nature.

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### **About Science World**

Science World British Columbia is a not-for-profit organization that engages British Columbians in science and inspires future science and technology leadership throughout our province.

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